



## Oxford Greens Goes Pink, 2020

### Pounding the Pavement for Pink



A huge THANK YOU to the whole community for your support of this year's Pounding the Pavement for Pink. Despite the challenges of COVID, the team won the prize for the largest group from a business or organization for the third year running. We registered 76 people. Fifty people participated in our own Oxford Greens 5-K and 3-K events and 26 people participated virtually to show their support in the fight against breast cancer. A special thanks goes out to all those intrepid runners and walkers who braved a chilly and very soggy morning for the 5-K event. Breast cancer doesn't stop for weather and neither did they.

And thanks to the generosity of this community, friends, and family, the team exceeded its fundraising goal by donating \$14,266 to the Seymour Pink Charity. A heart felt thank you to everyone who donated, all 151 of you.

Of course, the team couldn't have done it without the hard work of the OGGP committee. I want to thank my co-captain, Marsha Heller, for always being there with her sleeves rolled up ready to tackle any task. This year, Diane Baumer joined our committee and helped with our bingo games.

The heart and soul of the OGGP committee is Ellen Fox, our fundraising chairperson. It's Ellen's dedication to the cause of fighting breast cancer that motivated the whole team. Her passion, creative ideas and enthusiasm are unmatched. Ellen planned and somehow carried off two highly successfully virtual "Bingo for Boobies" games which raised \$2,640. Congratulations to Ellen for winning the Seymour Pink award for the individual who raised the most money for the second year in a row with a total of \$5,861 for Seymour Pink.

And the list goes on and on of people who helped in this year's effort.

People that helped with the mailing that went out to all homes in the Village of Oxford Greens and Fairview were Ellen Fox, Marsha Heller, Karen McCarney, Bernice Shlian, and Pat Weil. Thank you.

People who worked so hard to bring "Bingo for Boobies" to life were Diane Baumer, Teri DiGiovanna, Marsha Heller, Bernice Shlian, and Pat Weil. Thank you as well.

Gifts and prizes for Bingo were donated by: Donna Atkinson, Diane Baumer, Fay Billings, Carole Cass, Janice Catalano, Mary Deming (Seymour Pink), Teri DiGiovanna, Pat Dunton, Betsy and Mitch Epstein, Carol Fogel, Ellen Fox, Marsha Heller, Pat Kugeman, Karen McCarney, Terry McCullough, Claudette O'Loughlin, Linda Paul, Pat Plona, Val Ricca, Marion Schrade, Carol Vagnini, and Pat Weil. Thanks for your generosity.



This year, we had a special prize donated by one of our very-talented residents. Mary Cannizzaro, a quilter, came up with the idea of creating a quilt using t-shirts from past Pounding the Pavement for Pink events. The quilt is beautiful (and weatherproof...see photo) and will be raffled off next year.



T-shirts for the quilt were donated by Linda DeFini, Betsy Epstein, Jutta First, Nick Friedman, Debby Kreitner, Marion Schrade, and Bernice Shlian who organized the shirt collection.

In a normal year, we distribute the race t-shirts at the Ridge Club; this year, we delivered them to participants' doors. Thanks go out to Teri DiGiovanna, Ellen Fox, Marsha Heller, Bernice Shlian and Pat Weil for taking on this task.



And then there were the two race events themselves. They wouldn't have happened without help from these great folks: Fran Barr, Janice and Vic Catalano, Mike Caterino, Ted Dunton, David Forber, Ellen Fox, Marsha Heller, Dave Johnsen, Karen McCarney, Judy O'Donoghue, Marion Schrade, Dave Shlian, Lyn Sirignano, Gary Tell, Jodi Trzyna, Jake Vagnini, Rudy Vagnini, and Pat Weil. Thank you all.



The community showed its support for the team and the fight against breast cancer by decorating homes and cheering the runners and walkers from their driveways. Bernice Shlian organized our formal cheerleading squad. There were so many people who participated. Here are some of them that we know about to thank: Donna Atkinson,

Diane Baumer, Nancy Caterino, Pat Dunton, Beth Johnsen, Carol Kelly, Bobbi Knesek, Harry & Kicki Larson, Naomi Mohr, Judy O'Donoghue, Dave & Loreen Rado, Bernice Shlian, Sheila & Steve Stutsky, Pat Weil, and Linda & Les Wheeler.

And I can't forget our photographers, Scott Hudkins and Dominic Vendia. Thanks for hanging in there through the rain and taking some great photos.

Hopefully, next year's Pounding the Pavement for Pink event will be back in downtown Seymour. It will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, so mark your calendars.

Gratefully,

Bob McCarney

